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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/500,883	Applicant(s) DEMARCO ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-46 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 2-5, 7-11, 20 and 41-44, drawn to a method for the expression of a recombinant protein comprising at least two chaperones.

Group II, claim(s) 12-13, 15, 17, 19 and 20, drawn to a method for the expression of a recombinant protein comprising at least two chaperones and an effective amount of a protein synthesis inhibitor to block protein synthesis.

Group III, claim(s) 14, 16, 18, 20 and 45, drawn to a method for the expression of a recombinant protein comprising at least two chaperones and the removal of agents that are effective to induce recombinant protein expression to cause a reduction in gene transcription.

Group IV, claim(s) 20-35, drawn to a method for the expression of a recombinant protein comprising at least two chaperones, an effective amount of a protein synthesis

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inhibitor to block protein synthesis and a method for increasing the degree of refolding of a recombinant protein.

Group V, claim(s) 36 and 37, drawn to a method of making a medicament for treating diseases with one or more chaperones and one or more heat shock proteins.

Group VI, claim(s) 38-40 and 46, drawn to a method of treating a patient suffering from a disease.

The inventions listed as Groups I-VI do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The claims lack unity of invention because Applicants' invention is not novel. Mogk et al (EMBO J., 18 (24): 6934-6949, 1999, page 6942-6943, figure 6) teach a method of expressing ClpB and DnaK, followed by protein purification.

The special technical feature of Group I is a method for the expression of a recombinant protein comprising at least two chaperones, including ClpB and DnaK.

The special technical feature of Group II is a method for the expression of a recombinant protein comprising at least two chaperones and an effective amount of a protein synthesis inhibitor to block protein synthesis. This special technical feature is different from the special technical feature of Group I because of the addition of a protein synthesis inhibitor.

The special technical feature of Group III is a method for the expression of a recombinant protein comprising at least two chaperones and the removal of agents that are effective to induce recombinant protein expression to cause a reduction in gene transcription. This special technical feature is different from that of Groups I and II because agents are removed to reduce transcription.

The special technical feature of Group IV is a method for the expression of a recombinant protein comprising at least two chaperones, an effective amount of a protein synthesis inhibitor to block protein synthesis and a method for increasing the degree of refolding of a recombinant protein. This special technical feature is different from that of Groups I, II and III because an additional method involving protein folding is present.

The special technical feature of Group V is method of making a medicament for treating diseases with one or more chaperones and one or more heat shock proteins. This special technical feature is different from that of Groups I-IV because it is a method of making a medicament, which is a completely different method involving different steps. For example, transcription would not be reduced or protein expression inhibited.

The special technical feature of Group VI is a method of treating a patient suffering from a disease. This special technical feature is different from that of Groups I-V because it is a method, as opposed to a composition, and the method is performed involves treating a disease instead of making a product.

Claim 1 link(s) inventions I-IV. The restriction requirement among the linked inventions is subject to the nonallowance of the linking claim(s), claim 1. Upon the

allowance of the linking claim(s), the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claim(s) depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) will be entitled to examination in the instant application. Applicant(s) are advised that if any such claim(s) depending from or including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) is/are presented in a continuation or divisional application, the claims of the continuation or divisional application may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Where a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. *In re Ziegler*, 44 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

Claim 6 link(s) inventions II-IV. The restriction requirement among the linked inventions is subject to the nonallowance of the linking claim(s), claim 6. Upon the allowance of the linking claim(s), the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claim(s) depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) will be entitled to examination in the instant application. Applicant(s) are advised that if any such claim(s) depending from or including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) is/are presented in a continuation or divisional application, the claims of the continuation or divisional application may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Where a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. *In re Ziegler*, 44 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

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Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michele K. Joike, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-5915. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:00-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Irem Yucel, Ph.D. can be reached on 571-272-0781. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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